GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Home Department – Enhancement of incentives payable to prisoners – Change of nomenclature to 'Wages' from 'incentives'– Modification Orders - Issued.

HOME (PRISONS & FIRE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.140 DATED: 14.12.2021
Read the following:-

1.G.O.Rt.No.25, Home (Prisons & Fire) Department, dated 25.02.2021.
2.Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh Orders dated 22.03.2021 in W.P. (PIL) No.112/2019
3.From the Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, A.P., Vijayawada, Letter No.Jud-2/70/2019, dt.17.06.2021.

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ORDER:

In the G.O first read above Government have enhanced the incentives of Prisoners as detailed below:

Sl.No.	Prisoner Category	Enhanced Incentives in Rs.
1.	Skilled	200/-
2.	Semi-skilled	180/-
3.	Un-skilled	160/-

2. The Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh in its orders dated 22.03.2021 while disposing W.P. (PIL) No.112/2019 filed by Sri Thandava Yogesh, Advocate, Prakasam District, has directed as under:

'15. There is another aspect. The Government has chosen to pay the amounts as incentives. When the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of State of Gujarat (supra) had in unequivocal terms mandated the States to make payment of equitable wages, we fail to see any rationale for change of nomenclature to 'incentive' from 'wage'. Therefore, we direct the respondents to replace the word 'incentives' in G.O.Ms.No. 25, dated 25.02.2021 to 'wage'. This exercise shall be done within a period of four weeks from today. It is, needless to say, that the respondents are obliged to periodically make an exercise to fix equitable wages to the prisoners.'

3. In light of the above order of the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, and in partial modification of the said G.O. 1st read above the word 'incentives' in the said G.O shall be read as 'wages' wherever it occurs.

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4. This order is issued with the concurrence of Finance (HR.I-Plg & Policy) Department vide their U.O.No.FMUOASD(HCL)/283/2020, dated 08.12.2021 (Computer No.1223655).

4. The Director General of Prisons & Correctional Services, Andhra Pradesh shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KUMAR VISHWAJEET,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

Copy to:-
The O.S.D. to Principal Secretary to C.M., CM Office.
The OSD to Hon'ble Minister (Home).
The Finance (HR-I-Plg & Policy) Department.
The Labour, Employment, Training and Factories Department.
The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Govt., Home Department.
The Home (OP) Department.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

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